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SENATE BILL No. 165

DIGEST OF SB 165 (Updated April 4, 2001 10:59 AM - DI 97)

Citations Affected: IC 20-1; IC 20-3; IC 20-3.1; IC 20-5.5; IC 20-7.5; noncode.

Synopsis: Charter schools. Amends the law concerning Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) to make the provisions concerning student standards, improvement, and accountability consistent with provisions applicable to other school corporations. Provides for collective bargaining and discussion rights for school employees, including charter school employees and employees of IPS. Defines a "sponsor" as: (1) the governing body of a school corporation; or (2) the mayor of Indianapolis. Provides for the mayor of Indianapolis to sponsor not more than 3 charter schools within IPS. Provides for regional charter schools. Sets forth the organization, powers, method of establishment, charter contents, policies, oversight, and restrictions for charter schools. Requires 100% of the teachers in a charter school to hold a license to teach in a public school. Provides that if a school corporation eliminates a teaching position in a noncharter school because of a charter school, the legal or contractual provisions, if any, otherwise applicable to the teacher whose contract is canceled, continue to apply to that teacher. Allows the conversion of an existing public school to a charter school if at least 67% of the teachers and 51% of the parents approve of the conversion. Makes conforming amendments to related statutes.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2001.

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(HOUSE SPONSORS — PORTER, SCHOLER, POND)

January 8, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

January 22, 2001, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

January 29, 2001, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

January 30, 2001, engrossed. Read third time, passed. Yeas 30, nays 19.

HOUSE ACTION

February 26, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

April 5, 2001, amended, reported — Do Pass. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to House Rule 127.

April 9, 2001, referral to Committee on Ways and Means withdrawn.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2000 General Assembly.

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 165

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-1-21-9.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.8-1999,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 9.5. For all schools under IC 20-3.1, the report
4 must include the following, in addition to the requirements of
5 IC 20-1-21-9:

6 (1) Student achievement information as follows:

7 (A) For each elementary and middle school, grade
8 advancement rates.

9 (B) For each high school, the percentage of students who apply
10 to, are accepted by, and attend a college, university, or other
11 post-secondary educational institution after high school.

12 (2) Administrative performance measures as follows:

13 (A) School receipts and expenditures by source, compared
14 with budget amounts.

15 (B) Total school enrollment.

16 (C) The school's general fund expenditures per student and
17 total expenditures per student.

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(D) The amount and percentage of the school's general fund expenditures and the amount and percentage of total expenditures directly reaching the classroom as determined by a formula to be established by the board.

(E) Teacher/pupil ratios aggregated by class, grade, and school.

(F) Administrator/pupil ratio for the school.

(G) Teacher ~~attendance~~ **retention** rates aggregated by class, grade, and school.

(3) Achievement on the annual performance objectives identified under IC 20-3.1-8.

(4) The performance objectives established under IC 20-3.1-8 for the upcoming school year.

(5) State and school city averages for each of the measures set forth in subdivisions (1) through (2), if available.

SECTION 2. IC 20-3-11-32 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 32. The general school laws of this state and all laws and parts of laws applicable to the general system of common schools in school cities, so far as not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, ~~and IC 20-3-1, and unless made inapplicable by IC 20-3-1,~~ shall be in full force and effect in a school city to which this chapter applies.

SECTION 3. IC 20-3.1-2-20 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 20. "State achievement standards" refers to the ~~state achievement~~ **academic** standards adopted under IC 20-10.1-17 for the ISTEP program.

SECTION 4. IC 20-3.1-3-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 1. The following school city conditions and needs are found to exist on January 1, 1995:

(1) Education in the school city presents unique challenges.

(2) Student achievement in the school city on statewide tests consistently has been significantly below:

(A) the state average; and

(B) achievement attained in school corporations adjacent to the school city.

(3) The need for remediation of students in the school city consistently has been significantly higher than:

(A) the state average; and

(B) remediation levels in school corporations adjacent to the school city.

(4) Graduation rates in the school city consistently have been significantly below:

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- 1 (A) the state average; and
 2 (B) graduation rates in school corporations adjacent to the
 3 school city.
 4 (5) Student attendance rates in the school city consistently have
 5 been below:
 6 (A) the state average; and
 7 (B) student attendance rates in school corporations adjacent to
 8 the school city.
 9 (6) There are individual schools in the school city whose students
 10 are achieving. However, ~~overall~~ **the degree of** student
 11 achievement in the school city is unsatisfactory.
 12 (7) Improving education in the school city requires unique
 13 legislative intervention.
 14 (8) Educator-driven school level control of efforts to improve
 15 student achievement in their schools ~~and a program of~~
 16 ~~performance awards~~ in the school city will encourage the
 17 development and use of:
 18 (A) innovative teaching methods;
 19 (B) improved opportunities for teacher professional
 20 development;
 21 (C) programs achieving greater levels of parental involvement;
 22 (D) more efficient administrative efforts; and
 23 (E) improved student achievement.
 24 (9) Greater accountability among educators in their schools,
 25 including:
 26 (A) ~~evaluations based on student achievement measures and~~
 27 ~~administrative efficiency criteria; and~~
 28 (B) annual reports to the public regarding student achievement
 29 information and administrative performance measures;
 30 will encourage the development and use of creative and
 31 innovative educational methods and improve student
 32 achievement.
 33 (10) Providing a range of remediation opportunities to students in
 34 the school city who fail to meet state achievement standards or
 35 who are determined to be at risk of academic failure by the board
 36 will enhance the educational opportunities available to students
 37 and improve student performance.
 38 (11) Enhanced intervention for schools whose students fail to
 39 meet expected performance levels will improve the educational
 40 opportunities and educational achievement in the school city.
 41 (12) Allowing students to attend neighborhood schools and the
 42 development and implementation of a **strategic and continuous**

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improvement and achievement plan by the board under IC 20-10.2 at each school to increase student performance and achievement in the school city are necessary to achieve these legislative objectives and to meet the unique challenges to education and improve student achievement in the school city.

SECTION 5. IC 20-3.1-6-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 1. The student performance measures described in sections 2 ~~through 4~~ **and 3** of this chapter shall be used by the board to:

- (1) assess;
- (2) report; and
- (3) improve;

the performance of schools ~~educators, and students~~ in the school city.

SECTION 6. IC 20-3.1-6-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 3. The board shall use performance objectives to:

- (1) implement the ~~school board's~~ plan;
- (2) evaluate school performance; **and**
- (3) publish annual reports. ~~and~~
- ~~(4) determine academic receivership under IC 20-3.1-14.~~

SECTION 7. IC 20-3.1-6-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.14-2000, SECTION 48, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 5. Each school in the school city shall **develop a strategic and continuous improvement and achievement plan under IC 20-10.2 and, in so doing, shall** measure and record

- ~~(1) the school's achievement in reaching the school's performance objectives established under IC 20-3.1-8.~~
- ~~(2) student achievement information for the school described in IC 20-1-21-9 and IC 20-1-21-9.5; and~~
- ~~(3) teacher and administrative performance information for the school described in IC 20-1-21-9.5.~~

SECTION 8. IC 20-3.1-7-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 1. (a) The board shall develop and implement a plan for the improvement of **schools and** student achievement in the schools within the school city.

(b) A plan developed and implemented under this chapter must be consistent with this article.

SECTION 9. IC 20-3.1-7-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.8-1999, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 2. The plan developed and implemented under this chapter must do the following:

- (1) Provide for efforts to increase support of the schools by the

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parents of students and the neighborhood communities surrounding the schools.

(2) Establish performance objectives for educators and students in each school within the school city.

(3) Provide opportunity and support for the educators in each school to develop ~~a~~ **the school and strategic and continuous improvement and achievement** plan, including:

(A) traditional or innovative methods and approaches to improve student achievement; and

(B) efficient and cost effective management efforts in the school;

that are consistent with general guidelines established by the board.

(4) Require annual reports identifying the progress of student achievement for each school as described in IC 20-1-21-9 and IC 20-1-21-9.5.

(5) Provide for the effective evaluation of each school within the school city. ~~and the school's educators; including the consideration of student achievement in the school.~~

~~(6) Develop performance awards under IC 20-3.1-12 for extraordinary and outstanding performance by educators.~~

~~(7)~~ (6) Provide a range of opportunity for remediation of students who:

(A) fail to meet state achievement standards; or

(B) are at risk of academic failure.

~~(8)~~ (7) Require action to raise the level of performance of a school if the school's students fail to achieve expected performance levels or performance objectives established for the school.

SECTION 10. IC 20-3.1-8-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 1. (a) The board shall establish annual performance objectives for each school. ~~including the following:~~

(1) For students:

(A) ~~improvement in scores on statewide assessment tests and assessment programs;~~

(B) ~~improvement in attendance rates; and~~

(C) ~~improvement in progress toward graduation.~~

(2) For teachers:

(A) ~~improvement in student scores on assessment tests and assessment programs;~~

(B) ~~improvement in the number and percentage of students achieving state achievement standards and; if applicable;~~



- performance levels set by the board; on assessment tests;
- (C) improvement in student progress toward graduation;
- (D) improvement in student attendance rates for the school year;
- (E) improvement in individual teacher attendance rates;
- (F) improvement in communication with parents and parental involvement in classroom and extracurricular activities; and
- (G) other objectives developed by the board.
- (3) For the school and the school administrators:
 - (A) improvement in student scores on assessment tests, aggregated by class and grade;
 - (B) improvement in the number and percentage of students achieving state achievement standards and, if applicable, performance levels set by the board; on assessment tests, aggregated by class and grade;
 - (C) improvement in student graduation rates and in progress toward graduation;
 - (D) improvement in student attendance rates;
 - (E) management of general fund expenditures per student and total expenditures per student;
 - (F) improvement in teacher attendance rates; and
 - (G) other objectives developed by the board.

(b) The performance objectives established under subsection (a) must be consistent with the state achievement standards and include improvement in at least the following areas:

- (1) Attendance rate.**
- (2) The percentage of students that meet academic standards under the ISTEP program (IC 20-10.1-16).**
- (3) For a secondary school, graduation rate.**

SECTION 11. IC 20-3.1-9-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 2. (a) Educators in each school are responsible for improving student achievement in the school and ~~may~~ **shall** develop the ~~educators' own school a~~ **strategic and continuous improvement and achievement plan under IC 20-10.2** to achieve improvement that:

- (1) conforms to the guidelines issued by the board; and
- (2) has a cost that does not exceed the amount allocated to the school under section 5 of this chapter.

(b) The plan described in subsection (a) must be developed by a committee under the procedure set forth in IC 20-10.2.

(c) Educators may use traditional or innovative techniques that the educators believe will best maintain a secure and supportive



educational environment and improve student achievement.

SECTION 12. IC 20-3.1-9-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 3. **In addition to the requirements of the plan set forth in IC 20-10.2**, each school's plan must include the development and maintenance of efforts to increase parental involvement in educational activities.

SECTION 13. IC 20-3.1-9-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 4. School plans **developed under this chapter** shall promote:

- (1) increased options for; and
- (2) innovative and successful approaches to; improving student achievement.

SECTION 14. IC 20-3.1-9-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 6. (a) ~~Each school's educators may~~ **The plan developed under this chapter must address:**

- (1) ~~determine~~ the educational resources, goods, and services that are necessary and appropriate for improving student performance in the school; and
 - (2) ~~obtain the acquisition~~ or purchase of the educational resources, goods, and services.
- (b) Purchases and acquisitions under this section are subject to:
- (1) the general guidelines developed by the board; and
 - (2) the school's budget.

SECTION 15. IC 20-3.1-11-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 1. IC 20-6.1-9 ~~does not apply~~ **applies** to a school city.

SECTION 16. IC 20-3.1-12.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]:

Chapter 12.1. Student Educational Achievement Grants for a School City

Sec. 1. A school city is entitled to participate in the student educational achievement grant program under IC 20-10.2-4.

SECTION 17. IC 20-3.1-13-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 2. The board may:

- (1) request and receive competitive proposals from:
 - (A) a school of the school city; **or**
 - (B) **another public educational institution; or**
 - ~~(C)~~ a group of educators from the school city;
- to provide summer remediation services under guidelines and specified performance standards established by the **state** board; and



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(2) contract with one (1) or more providers listed in subdivision (1) to provide summer remediation services to students in the school city.

SECTION 18. IC 20-3.1-13-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 4. (a) Summer remediation services provided by contractors under section 2 of this chapter shall be at no tuition cost to the student.

(b) Upon the request of the parent of a student described in section 4 of this chapter, the school city shall provide the parent with a summer remediation subsidy in an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the lowest per student cost of summer remediation services provided by a contractor under section 2 of this chapter.

(c) A parent to whom a summer remediation subsidy is provided may use the subsidy to purchase summer remediation services from a provider located within Marion County. The parent may choose to use the remediation subsidy at an accredited public school. If the amount of tuition for the remediation services is greater than the amount of the remediation subsidy provided to the parent, the parent is responsible for the additional amount.

(d) The allocated remediation subsidy is payable to a provider of remediation services upon the provider's enrollment of the student in the remediation program.

(e) Payment of a remediation subsidy fulfills the obligation under this chapter of the school city to provide remediation services to a student.

(f) If a student who has received a remediation subsidy does not complete a remediation program, the provider of remediation services shall make a refund of the remediation subsidy on a pro rata basis to the school city.

SECTION 19. IC 20-3.1-14.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]:

Chapter 14.1. Assessing Improvement; Accountability Measures

Sec. 1. For purposes of assessing a school's improvement, IC 20-10.2-5 applies to the school city.

Sec. 2. For purposes of accountability of a school, the consequences under IC 20-10.2-6 apply to a school within the school city.

SECTION 20. IC 20-3.1-15-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 1. To provide the board with the necessary flexibility and resources to carry out this article, the following apply:



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(1) The board may eliminate or modify existing policies and create new policies; and alter policies from time to time; subject to this article and the plan developed under IC 20-3.1-7.

(2) IC 20-7.5 does not apply to matters set forth in this article. The matters set forth in this article may not be the subject of collective bargaining or discussion under IC 20-7.5.

(3) An exclusive representative certified under IC 20-7.5 to represent certified employees of the school city; or any other entity voluntarily recognized by the board as a representative of employees providing educational services in the schools; may bargain collectively only concerning salary, wages, and salary and wage related fringe benefits. The exclusive representative may not bargain collectively or discuss performance awards under IC 20-3.1-12.

(4) (1) The board of school commissioners may waive the following statutes and rules for any school in the school city without the need for administrative, regulatory, or legislative approval:

(A) The following rules concerning curriculum and instructional time:

511 IAC 6.1-3-4

511 IAC 6.1-5-0.5

511 IAC 6.1-5-1

511 IAC 6.1-5-2.5

511 IAC 6.1-5-3.5

511 IAC 6.1-5-4

(B) The following rules concerning pupil/teacher ratios:

511 IAC 6-2-1(b)(2)

511 IAC 6.1-4-1

(C) The following statutes and rules concerning textbooks, and rules adopted under the statutes:

IC 20-10.1-9-1

IC 20-10.1-9-18

IC 20-10.1-9-21

IC 20-10.1-9-23

IC 20-10.1-9-27

IC 20-10.1-10-1

IC 20-10.1-10-2

511 IAC 6.1-5-5

(D) The following rules concerning school principals:

511 IAC 6-2-1(c)(4)

511 IAC 6.1-4-2

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1 (E) 511 IAC 2-2, concerning school construction and
2 remodeling.

3 ~~(5)~~ (2) Notwithstanding any other law, a school city may do the
4 following:

5 (A) Lease school transportation equipment to others for
6 nonschool use when the equipment is not in use for a school
7 city purpose.

8 (B) Establish a professional development and technology fund
9 to be used for:

10 (i) professional development; or

11 (ii) technology, including video distance learning.

12 (C) Transfer funds obtained from sources other than state or
13 local government taxation among any account of the school
14 corporation, including a professional development and
15 technology fund established under clause (B).

16 ~~(6)~~ (3) A school city may transfer funds obtained from property
17 taxation among the general fund (established under IC 21-2-11)
18 and the school transportation fund (established under
19 IC 21-2-11.5), subject to the following:

20 (A) The sum of the property tax rates for the general fund and
21 the school transportation fund after a transfer occurs under this
22 subdivision may not exceed the sum of the property tax rates
23 for the general fund and the school transportation fund before
24 a transfer occurs under this clause.

25 (B) This clause does not allow a school corporation to transfer
26 to any other fund money from the debt service fund
27 (established under IC 21-2-4).

28 SECTION 21. IC 20-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
29 A NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON
30 PASSAGE]:

31 **ARTICLE 5.5. CHARTER SCHOOLS**

32 **Chapter 1. Definitions**

33 **Sec. 1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this**
34 **article.**

35 **Sec. 2. "Board" refers to the Indiana state board of education**
36 **established by IC 20-1-1-1.**

37 **Sec. 3. "Charter" means a contract between an organizer and**
38 **a sponsor for the establishment of a charter school.**

39 **Sec. 4. "Charter school" means a public elementary school or**
40 **secondary school established under this article that:**

41 **(1) is nonsectarian and nonreligious; and**

42 **(2) operates under a charter.**



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1 **Sec. 5. "Conversion charter school"** means a charter school
 2 established under IC 20-5.5-11 by the conversion of an existing
 3 school into a charter school.

4 **Sec. 6. "Department"** refers to the department of education
 5 established by IC 20-1-1.1-2.

6 **Sec. 7. "Elementary school"** has the meaning set forth in
 7 IC 20-10.1-1-15.

8 **Sec. 8. "Existing school"** includes a new school building if the
 9 students or teachers from a closed school building are transferred
 10 to the new school building.

11 **Sec. 9. "Governing body"** has the meaning set forth in
 12 IC 20-10.1-1-5.

13 **Sec. 10. "Organizer"** means a group or an entity that enters into
 14 a contract under this article to operate a charter school.

15 **Sec. 11. "Parent"** has the meaning set forth in IC 20-8.1-1-3.

16 **Sec. 12. "Proposal"** refers to a proposal from an organizer to
 17 establish a charter school.

18 **Sec. 13. "Public school"** has the meaning set forth in
 19 IC 20-10.1-1-2.

20 **Sec. 14. "Regional charter school"** means a charter school
 21 established jointly by two (2) or more school corporations.

22 **Sec. 15. "School corporation"** has the meaning set forth in
 23 IC 20-10.1-1-1.

24 **Sec. 16. "Secondary school"** means a high school (as defined in
 25 IC 20-10.1-1-16).

26 **Sec. 17. "Sponsor"** means the following:

27 (1) For a charter school, a governing body.

28 (2) For a charter school, the executive (as defined in
 29 IC 36-1-2-5) of a consolidated city.

30 (3) For a regional charter school, two (2) or more governing
 31 bodies acting jointly.

32 **Sec. 18. "Teacher"** has the meaning set forth in IC 20-6.1-1-8.

33 **Chapter 2. Description**

34 **Sec. 1. A charter school may be established under this article to**
 35 **provide innovative and autonomous programs that do the**
 36 **following:**

37 (1) Serve the different learning styles and needs of public
 38 school students.

39 (2) Offer public school students appropriate and innovative
 40 choices.

41 (3) Afford varied opportunities for professional educators.

42 (4) Allow public schools freedom and flexibility in exchange

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for exceptional levels of accountability.

(5) Provide parents, students, community members, and local entities with an expanded opportunity for involvement in the public school system.

Sec. 2. A charter school is subject to all federal and state laws and constitutional provisions that prohibit discrimination on the basis of the following:

(1) Disability.

(2) Race.

(3) Color.

(4) Gender.

(5) National origin.

(6) Religion.

(7) Ancestry.

Chapter 3. Establishment

Sec. 1. A sponsor may grant a charter to an organizer to operate a charter school under this article.

Sec. 2. A sponsor may grant a charter only to an organizer that is a nonprofit organization that meets the following requirements:

(1) Education is a major purpose of the organization.

(2) If the organization is a corporation, the organization is a nonprofit corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(3) The organization is not organized or operated for the private benefit or gain of any member, trustee, shareholder, employee, or associate. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "private benefit or gain" does not include reasonable compensation paid to an employee for work or services actually performed.

(4) The organization's constitution, chapter, articles, or bylaws contain a clause that provides that upon dissolution:

(A) all remaining assets, except funds specified in clause

(B), shall be used for nonprofit educational purposes; and

(B) funds received from the sponsor shall be returned to the sponsor not more than thirty (30) days after dissolution.

Sec. 3. (a) An organizer shall submit to the sponsor a proposal to establish a charter school. A proposal must contain at least the following information:

(1) Identification of the organizer.

(2) A description of the organizer's organizational structure and governance plan.

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(3) The following information for the proposed charter school:

- (A) Name.**
- (B) Purposes.**
- (C) Governance structure.**
- (D) Management structure.**
- (E) Educational mission goals.**
- (F) Curriculum and instructional methods.**
- (G) Methods of pupil assessment.**
- (H) Admission policy and criteria, subject to IC 20-5.5-5.**
- (I) School calendar.**
- (J) Age or grade range of pupils to be enrolled.**
- (K) A description of staff responsibilities.**
- (L) A description and the address of the physical plant.**
- (M) Budget and financial plans.**
- (N) Personnel plan, including methods for selection, retention, and compensation of employees.**
- (O) Transportation plan.**
- (P) Discipline program.**
- (Q) Plan for compliance with any applicable desegregation order.**
- (R) The date when the charter school is expected to:**
 - (i) begin school operations; and**
 - (ii) have students in attendance at the charter school.**
- (S) The arrangement for providing teachers and other staff with health insurance, retirement benefits, liability insurance, and other benefits.**
- (4) The manner in which an annual audit of the program operations of the charter school is to be conducted by the sponsor.**

(b) This section does not waive, limit, or modify the provisions of:

- (1) IC 20-7.5 in a charter school where the teachers have chosen to organize under IC 20-7.5; or**
- (2) a collective bargaining agreement for noncertificated employees (as defined in IC 20-7.5-1-2).**

Sec. 4. This section applies only to a sponsor that is the executive of a consolidated city. The sponsor may issue charters for not more than three (3) charter schools in a school city described in IC 20-3-11-1.

Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), if a governing body grants a charter to establish a charter school, the governing



body must provide a noncharter school that students of the same ages or grade levels may attend.

(b) The department may waive the requirement that a governing body provide a noncharter school under subsection (a) upon the request of the governing body.

Sec. 6. The sponsor may revoke the charter of a charter school that does not, by the date specified in the charter:

(1) begin school operations; and

(2) have students in attendance at the charter school.

Sec. 7. Before granting a charter under which more than fifty percent (50%) of the students in the school corporation will attend a charter school, a governing body must receive the approval of the department.

Sec. 8. A sponsor must comply with the following:

(1) Make available to the public copies of the charter school application, or require the organizer to make copies available to the public.

(2) Give notice under IC 5-3-1-2(b) of the public hearing required under this section.

(3) Hold a public hearing within reasonable geographic proximity to the location of the proposed charter school, at which testimony must be allowed from the organizer and members of the public.

Sec. 9. (a) A sponsor must notify the department of the following:

(1) The receipt of a proposal.

(2) The acceptance of a proposal.

(3) The rejection of a proposal, including the reasons for the rejection, the number of members of the governing body favoring the proposal, and the number of members of the governing body not favoring the proposal.

(b) The department shall annually do the following:

(1) Compile the information received under subsection (a) into a report.

(2) Submit the report to the legislative council.

Sec. 10. (a) This section applies if the sponsor rejects a proposal and the sponsor is:

(1) the executive of a consolidated city; or

(2) a governing body and at least one-third (1/3) of the members of the governing body favor the proposal.

(b) The organizer may appeal the decision of the sponsor to the charter school review panel created under subsection (c).



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(c) The charter school review panel is created. The members of the panel are the superintendent of public instruction and two (2) members of the board who are appointed by the superintendent of public instruction.

(d) Upon the request of an organizer, the panel shall meet to consider the organizer's proposal and the sponsor's reasons for rejecting the proposal. The panel must allow the organizer and sponsor to participate in the meeting.

(e) After the panel meets under subsection (d), the panel shall make one (1) of the following three (3) findings and issue the finding to the organizer and the sponsor:

(1) A finding that supports the sponsor's rejection of the proposal.

(2) A finding that directs the sponsor to approve the proposal.

(3) A finding that:

(A) recommends that the organizer amend the proposal; and

(B) specifies the changes to be made in the proposal if the organizer elects to amend the proposal.

The panel shall issue the finding not later than forty-five (45) days after the panel receives the request for review.

(f) If the panel makes a finding described in subsection (e)(1) or (e)(2), the finding is binding and final.

(g) If:

(1) the panel makes a finding described in subsection (e)(3); and

(2) the organizer submits to the sponsor an amended proposal that contains the changes specified in the finding of the panel; the sponsor shall consider the amended proposal not later than forty-five (45) days after the sponsor receives the amended proposal. If the sponsor rejects the amended proposal, the organizer may appeal the rejection in the same manner that an initial proposal is appealed under this section.

Chapter 4. The Charter

Sec. 1. A charter must do the following:

(1) Be a written instrument.

(2) Be executed by a sponsor and an organizer.

(3) Confer certain rights, franchises, privileges, and obligations on a charter school.

(4) Confirm the status of a charter school as a public school.

(5) Be granted for:

(A) not less than three (3) years; and



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- 1 (B) a fixed number of years agreed to by the sponsor and
 2 the organizer.
 3 (6) Provide for:
 4 (A) a review by the sponsor of the charter school's
 5 performance, including the progress of the charter school
 6 in achieving the academic goals set forth in the charter, at
 7 least one (1) time in each five (5) year period while the
 8 charter is in effect; and
 9 (B) renewal, if the sponsor and the organizer agree to
 10 renew the charter.
 11 (7) Specify the grounds for the sponsor to:
 12 (A) revoke the charter before the end of the term for which
 13 the charter is granted; or
 14 (B) not renew a charter.
 15 (8) Set forth the methods by which the charter school is held
 16 accountable for achieving the educational mission and goals
 17 of the charter school, including the following:
 18 (A) Evidence of improvement in assessment measures,
 19 attendance rates, and graduation rates (if appropriate),
 20 and increased numbers of academic honors diplomas.
 21 (B) Evidence of progress toward reaching the educational
 22 goals set by the organizer.
 23 (9) Describe the method to be used to monitor the charter
 24 school's:
 25 (A) compliance with applicable law; and
 26 (B) performance in meeting targeted educational
 27 performance.
 28 (10) Specify that the sponsor and the organizer may amend
 29 the charter during the term of the charter by mutual consent,
 30 and describe the process for amending the charter.
 31 (11) Describe specific operating requirements, including all of
 32 the matters set forth in the application for the charter.
 33 (12) Specify a date when the charter school will:
 34 (A) begin school operations; and
 35 (B) have students in attendance at the charter school.
 36 (13) Specify that records of a charter school relating to the
 37 school's operation and charter are subject to inspection and
 38 copying to the same extent that records of a public school are
 39 subject to inspection and copying under IC 5-14-3.
 40 (14) Specify that records provided by the charter school to the
 41 department or sponsor that relate to compliance by the
 42 operator with the terms of the charter or applicable state or

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federal laws are subject to inspection and copying in accordance with IC 5-14-3.

(15) Specify that the charter school is subject to the requirements of IC 5-14-1.5.

Chapter 5. Student Admissions and Enrollment

Sec. 1. Except as provided in this chapter, a charter school must be open to any student who resides in:

(1) the school corporation or school city (as defined in IC 20-3-11-1) in which the charter school is located, for a charter school sponsored by a single governing body or the executive of a consolidated city; or

(2) one (1) of the school corporations that sponsors a regional charter school.

Sec. 2. Except as provided in this chapter, a charter school may not establish admission policies or limit student admissions in any manner in which a public school is not permitted to establish admission policies or limit student admissions.

Sec. 3. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), a charter school must enroll any eligible student who submits a timely application for enrollment.

(b) This subsection applies if the number of applications for a program, class, grade level, or building exceeds the capacity of the program, class, grade level, or building. If a charter school receives a greater number of applications than there are spaces for students, each timely applicant must be given an equal chance of admission.

(c) A charter school may limit new admissions to the charter school to:

(1) ensure that a student who attends the charter school during a school year may continue to attend the charter school in subsequent years; and

(2) allow the siblings of a student who attends a charter school to attend the charter school.

Sec. 4. A charter school shall periodically provide information to the parents of students in the school corporation concerning the opportunity for students to enroll in the charter school. The charter school shall design and deliver this information in a manner to reach the parents of all students, including at risk students.

Sec. 5. (a) This section applies to a student who does not have legal settlement (as defined in IC 20-8.1-1-7.1) in a:

(1) school corporation that is the sponsor of a charter school;



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(2) school city (as defined in IC 20-3-11-1) located in a consolidated city of which the executive is the sponsor of a charter school; or

(3) regional charter school that the student's parent wishes the student to attend.

(b) A student may enroll in any charter school or regional charter school in Indiana if the following requirements are met:

(1) The student's parent does the following:

(A) Requests that the student be admitted to enroll in the charter school or regional charter school.

(B) Agrees to provide and pay for transportation of the student to and from the charter school or regional charter school.

(2) The following jointly agree to enroll the student in the charter school or regional charter school:

(A) The governing body of the school corporation where the student has legal settlement.

(B) The principal, or equivalent person or body, of the charter school or regional charter school.

(c) The following apply to a student described in subsection (a):

(1) A school corporation is not required to provide transportation for the student to attend the charter school or regional charter school.

(2) Neither the student nor the student's parent is required to pay transfer tuition for the student to attend the charter school or regional charter school.

(3) The transferor school corporation in which the student has legal settlement shall pay the student's transfer tuition to the charter school.

(4) A transfer becomes effective on a date jointly determined by the parent and the affected school corporations.

(d) A student who is denied enrollment in a charter school under this section may appeal the denial to the board. The board shall hear the appeal in the manner provided in IC 20-8.1-6.1-10.

Chapter 6. Employment

Sec. 1. Individuals who work at a charter school are employees of the charter school.

Sec. 2. Individuals must choose to be teachers at a charter school voluntarily, and a charter school shall voluntarily choose such individuals to be its teachers.

Sec. 3. (a) Certificated employees (as defined in IC 20-7.5-1-2) of a charter school that is not a conversion charter school may

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1 organize and bargain collectively under IC 20-7.5.

2 (b) Noncertificated employees (as defined in IC 20-7.5-1-2) of a
3 charter school that is not a conversion charter school shall remain
4 in existing bargaining units and are covered under existing
5 collective bargaining agreements.

6 Sec. 4. (a) This section applies to a conversion charter school.

7 (b) After the conversion, the teachers in a conversion charter
8 school remain a part of the bargaining unit of the school
9 corporation in which the charter school is located and are subject
10 to all the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement.

11 (c) The governing body, the equivalent body of the conversion
12 charter school, and the exclusive representative may by mutual
13 agreement grant a waiver of a specific provision of the collective
14 bargaining agreement.

15 Sec. 5. (a) This section applies to the following:

16 (1) A charter school that is not a conversion charter school.

17 (2) A regional charter school.

18 (b) IC 20-6.1-4, IC 20-6.1-5, and IC 20-6.1-6 apply to a school
19 described in subsection (a). However, the organizer and the
20 teachers in the school may by mutual agreement waive or modify
21 any provision of IC 20-6.1-4, IC 20-6.1-5, and IC 20-6.1-6.

22 Sec. 6. Not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the teachers
23 in a charter school must hold a license to teach in a public school.

24 Sec. 7. (a) A charter school shall participate in the following:

25 (1) The Indiana state teachers' retirement fund in accordance
26 with IC 21-6.1.

27 (2) The public employees' retirement fund in accordance with
28 IC 5-10.3.

29 (b) A person who teaches in a charter school is a member of the
30 Indiana state teachers' retirement fund. Service in a charter school
31 is creditable service for purposes of IC 21-6.1.

32 (c) A person who:

33 (1) is a local school employee of a charter school; and

34 (2) is not eligible to participate in the Indiana state teachers'
35 retirement fund;

36 is a member of the public employees' retirement fund.

37 (d) The boards of the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund
38 and the public employees' retirement fund shall implement this
39 section through the organizer of the charter school, subject to and
40 conditioned upon receiving any approvals either board considers
41 appropriate from the Internal Revenue Service and the United
42 States Department of Labor.



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1 **Sec. 8.** The decision by a sponsor of whether to grant a charter
 2 shall not be subject to restraint by the collective bargaining
 3 agreement.

4 **Sec. 9.** As a school corporation grants a charter to a charter
 5 school and individuals choose and are chosen by the charter school
 6 to teach in the charter school, the school corporation may make
 7 personnel adjustments among its noncharter school teachers that
 8 the school corporation believes are necessary or appropriate to
 9 match existing resources with existing needs in its noncharter
 10 schools. If, as part of such adjustments, the school corporation
 11 eliminates a teaching position within the corporation, the legal or
 12 contractual provisions, if any, otherwise applicable to the teacher
 13 in one (1) of its noncharter schools whose contract with the school
 14 corporation is canceled as a result of the elimination of the position
 15 within the school corporation, continue to apply to that teacher.

16 **Sec. 10. (a)** The governing body:

- 17 (1) must grant a transfer of not more than five (5) years; and
- 18 (2) may grant a transfer for a period of time in addition to the
- 19 period required under subdivision (1);

20 to a teacher of a noncharter school in the school corporation who
 21 wishes to teach and has been accepted to teach at a charter school
 22 sponsored by the governing body within the school corporation or
 23 a regional charter school of which the governing body is a sponsor.

24 **(b)** During the term of a transfer under subsection (a):

- 25 (1) the teacher's seniority status under law continues as if the
- 26 teacher were an employee of a noncharter school in the school
- 27 corporation; and
- 28 (2) the teacher's years as a charter school employee shall not
- 29 be considered for purposes of permanent or semipermanent
- 30 status with the school corporation under IC 20-6.1-4.

31 **Chapter 7. Fiscal Matters**

32 **Sec. 1. (a)** The organizer is the fiscal agent for the charter
 33 school.

34 **(b)** The organizer has exclusive control of:

- 35 (1) funds received by the charter school; and
- 36 (2) financial matters of the charter school.

37 **(c)** The organizer shall maintain separate accountings of all
 38 funds received and disbursed by the charter school.

39 **Sec. 2.** For purposes of computing:

- 40 (1) state tuition support; or
- 41 (2) state funding for any purpose;

42 a charter school student is counted in the same manner as a student



of the school corporation where the charter school student resides.

Sec. 3. (a) This section applies to a charter school that has a governing body as sponsor.

(b) The governing body shall distribute the following to the organizer:

(1) A proportionate share of tuition support and any other funding received from the state for the students enrolled in the charter school.

(2) A proportionate share of state and federal funds received for students with disabilities or staff services for students with disabilities for the students with disabilities enrolled in the charter school.

(3) A proportionate share of funds received under federal or state categorical aid programs for students who are eligible for the federal or state aid enrolled in the charter school.

(4) A proportionate share of local support for the students enrolled in the charter school.

Sec. 4. This section applies to a charter school that has a sponsor that is the executive of a consolidated city. The organizer of a charter school to which this section applies is entitled to receive transfer tuition under IC 20-8.1-6.1-8(b) for each student who attends the charter school.

Sec. 5. (a) Not later than the date established by the department for determining average daily membership under IC 21-3-1.6-1.1(d), the organizer shall submit to the governing body of the school corporation in which the charter school is located a report of the total number of students enrolled in the charter school. Upon receipt of the report, the governing body shall distribute to the organizer a proportionate share of federal, state, and local support for the students enrolled in the charter school on the same schedule that the school corporation receives the funds or on a schedule agreed to by the sponsor and the organizer.

(b) This subsection applies to a regional charter school. The governing body of the school corporation in which the charter school is located shall assess the other sponsoring governing bodies an amount equal to the approved per pupil revenues for the students of the other school corporations that attend the regional charter school. The other sponsoring governing bodies shall transfer the revenues to the governing body of the school corporation in which the charter school is located on the same schedule as the sponsoring school corporations receive the revenue or on a schedule agreed to by the sponsoring governing bodies.



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1 **Sec. 6. Services that a school corporation provides to a charter**
 2 **school, including transportation, may be provided at not more than**
 3 **one hundred three percent (103%) of the actual cost of the services.**

4 **Sec. 7. An organizer may apply for and accept for a charter**
 5 **school:**

6 (1) independent financial grants; or

7 (2) funds from public or private sources other than the
 8 department.

9 **Sec. 8. With the approval of a majority of the members of the**
 10 **governing body, a school corporation may distribute a**
 11 **proportionate share of the school corporation's capital project**
 12 **fund to a charter school. The organizer must use the money**
 13 **distributed under this section only for a purpose for which a school**
 14 **corporation may use money from the capital projects fund**
 15 **established under IC 21-2-15.**

16 **Sec. 9. A sponsor may request and receive financial reports**
 17 **concerning a charter school from the organizer at any time.**

18 **Chapter 8. Powers and Exemptions**

19 **Sec. 1. A charter school may do the following:**

20 (1) Sue and be sued in its own name.

21 (2) For educational purposes, acquire real and personal
 22 property or an interest in real and personal property by
 23 purchase, gift, grant, devise, or bequest.

24 (3) Convey property.

25 (4) Enter into contracts in its own name, including contracts
 26 for services.

27 **Sec. 2. A charter school may not do the following:**

28 (1) Operate at a site or for grades other than as specified in
 29 the charter.

30 (2) Charge tuition to any student attending the charter school
 31 that is in excess of the tuition currently allowed under law, or
 32 impose any mandatory fees upon a student enrolled in the
 33 charter school in preschool special education or in
 34 kindergarten through grade 12. However, a charter school
 35 may:

36 (A) charge fees for the same items or services for which a
 37 noncharter public school in the school corporation in
 38 which the charter school is located may charge fees; and

39 (B) charge tuition for:

40 (i) a preschool program, unless charging tuition for the
 41 preschool program is barred under federal law; or

42 (ii) a latch key program;



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if the charter school provides those programs.

(3) Be located in a private residence.

Sec. 3. For each charter school established under this article, the charter school and the organizer are accountable to the sponsor for ensuring compliance with:

(1) applicable federal and state laws;

(2) the charter; and

(3) the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

Sec. 4. Except as specifically provided in this article and the statutes listed in section 5 of this chapter, the following do not apply to a charter school:

(1) Any Indiana statute applicable to a governing body or school corporation.

(2) A rule or guideline adopted by the Indiana state board of education.

(3) A local regulation or policy adopted by a school corporation unless specifically incorporated in the charter.

Sec. 5. The following statutes and rules and guidelines adopted under the following statutes apply to a charter school:

(1) IC 5-11-1-9 (required audits by the state board of accounts).

(2) IC 20-1-1.5 (unified accounting system).

(3) IC 20-1-6 (special education).

(4) IC 20-5-2-3 (subject to laws requiring regulation by state agencies).

(5) For a conversion charter school only, IC 20-6.1-4, IC 20-6.1-5, and IC 20-6.1-6 (teacher matters).

(6) IC 20-6.1-6-11 (nondiscrimination for teacher marital status).

(7) IC 20-6.1-6-13 (teacher freedom of association).

(8) IC 20-6.1-6-15 (school counselor immunity).

(9) IC 20-8.1-3 (compulsory school attendance).

(10) IC 20-8.1-5.1-13, IC 20-8.1-5.1-15, and IC 20-8.1-5.1-15.5 (student due process and judicial review).

(11) IC 20-8.1-7 and IC 20-8.1-8 (health and safety measures).

(12) IC 20-8.1-9-3 (exemption from school fees for eligible families and fee reimbursement).

(13) IC 20-8.1-9-5 (notice to parents concerning financial assistance).

(14) IC 20-8.1-12 (reporting of student violations of law).

(15) IC 20-10.1-1-2 (calendar, annual observances, national anthem, United States flag).



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(16) IC 20-10.1-16, IC 20-10.1-17, or any other statute, rule, or guideline related to standardized testing (assessment programs, including remediation under the assessment programs).

(17) IC 20-10.1-22.4 (parental access to education records).

(18) IC 20-8.1-4 (limitations on employment of children).

(19) IC 20-5-2-7 and IC 20-6.1-3-7.1 (criminal history).

(20) IC 20-8.1-5.1-10 (firearms and deadly weapons).

(21) IC 20-10.2 (accountability for school performance and improvement).

Sec. 6. A charter school is subject to the bidding and wage determination laws and all other statutes and rules that apply to the construction of a public school.

Sec. 7. A charter school may not duplicate the following if the programs are established in another school in the sponsoring school corporation, or, in the case of a regional charter school, sponsoring school corporations:

(1) A cooperative program established under IC 20-10.1-6-7.

(2) An apprentice program other than a program specified in subdivision (1).

Chapter 9. Oversight and Revocation

Sec. 1. An organizer that has established a charter school shall submit an annual report to the department for informational and research purposes.

Sec. 2. An annual report under this chapter must contain the following information for a charter school:

(1) Results of all standardized testing.

(2) A description of the educational methods and teaching methods employed.

(3) Daily attendance records.

(4) Graduation statistics.

(5) Student enrollment data, including the following:

(A) The number of students enrolled.

(B) The number of students expelled.

(C) The number of students who discontinued attendance at the charter school and the reasons for the discontinuation.

Sec. 3. The sponsor shall oversee a charter school's compliance with:

(1) the charter; and

(2) all applicable laws.

Sec. 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of the charter, a sponsor

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that grants a charter may revoke the charter at any time before the expiration of the term of the charter if the sponsor determines that at least one (1) of the following occurs:

- (1) The organizer fails to comply with the conditions established in the charter.
- (2) The charter school established by the organizer fails to meet the educational goals set forth in the charter.
- (3) The organizer fails to comply with all applicable laws.
- (4) The organizer fails to meet generally accepted government accounting principles.
- (5) One (1) or more grounds for revocation exist as specified in the charter.

Sec. 5. A charter school shall report the following to the sponsor:

- (1) Attendance records.
- (2) Student performance data.
- (3) Financial information.
- (4) Any information necessary to comply with state and federal government requirements.
- (5) Any other information specified in the charter.

Sec. 6. The organizer of a charter school shall publish an annual performance report that provides the information required under IC 20-1-21-8 in the same manner that a school corporation publishes an annual report under IC 20-1-21.

Chapter 10. Student Transfers From Charter Schools

Sec. 1. A public noncharter school that receives a transfer student from a charter school may not discriminate against the student in any way, including placing the student:

- (1) in an inappropriate age group according to the student's ability;
- (2) below the student's abilities; or
- (3) in a class where the student has already mastered the subject matter.

Chapter 11. Conversion of Existing Schools Into Charter Schools

Sec. 1. An existing public elementary or secondary school may be converted into a charter school if the following conditions apply:

- (1) At least sixty-seven percent (67%) of the teachers at the school have signed a petition requesting the conversion.
- (2) At least fifty-one percent (51%) of the parents of students at the school have signed a petition requesting the conversion.

Sec. 2. The organizers shall submit a proposal under IC 20-5.5-3



to convert the existing school into a charter school.

Sec. 3. A conversion charter school must permit the parents of a student who was enrolled in the school before the school's conversion to a charter school to:

- (1) remain in the school; or
- (2) enroll in another school in the school corporation.

Chapter 12. Regional Charter Schools

Sec. 1. The governing bodies of two (2) or more school corporations may grant a charter to an organizer to operate a regional charter school under this article.

Sec. 2. (a) An organizer may submit to the governing bodies of two (2) or more school corporations a proposal to establish a regional charter school. A proposal must contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- (1) Identification of the organizer.
- (2) A description of the organizer's organizational structure and governance plan.
- (3) The following information for the proposed regional charter school:
 - (A) Name.
 - (B) Purposes.
 - (C) Governance structure.
 - (D) Management structure.
 - (E) Educational mission goals.
 - (F) Curriculum and instructional methods.
 - (G) Methods of pupil assessment.
 - (H) Admission policy and criteria, subject to IC 20-5.5-5.
 - (I) School calendar.
 - (J) Age or grade range of pupils to be enrolled.
 - (K) A description of staff responsibilities.
 - (L) A description and the address of the physical plant.
 - (M) Budget and financial plans.
 - (N) Personnel plan, including methods for selection, retention, and compensation of employees.
 - (O) Transportation plan.
 - (P) Discipline program.
 - (Q) Plan for compliance with any applicable desegregation order.
 - (R) The date when the regional charter school is expected to:
 - (i) begin school operations; and
 - (ii) have students in attendance at the regional charter



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- 1 school.
- 2 (S) The arrangement for providing teachers and other staff
- 3 with health insurance, retirement benefits, liability
- 4 insurance, and other benefits.
- 5 (4) Identification of the school corporation where the regional
- 6 charter school will be located.
- 7 (5) The compensation that the school corporations shall pay
- 8 to the organizer, including the percentage of compensation
- 9 provided by each school corporation.
- 10 (6) The manner in which an annual audit of the programmatic
- 11 operations of the regional charter school is to be conducted by
- 12 the governing bodies.
- 13 (b) This section does not waive, limit, or modify the provisions
- 14 of:
- 15 (1) IC 20-7.5 in a charter school where the teachers have
- 16 chosen to organize under IC 20-7.5; or
- 17 (2) a collective bargaining agreement for noncertificated
- 18 employees (as defined in IC 20-7.5-1-2).
- 19 Sec. 3. (a) The governing bodies of each school corporation that
- 20 has granted a charter for a regional charter school must act jointly
- 21 to revoke the charter of a regional charter school that does not by
- 22 the date specified in the charter:
- 23 (1) begin school operations; and
- 24 (2) have students in attendance at the regional charter school.
- 25 (b) The following apply when the governing body of a school
- 26 corporation that has granted a charter for a regional charter
- 27 school wishes to cease participation in a regional charter school:
- 28 (1) If after the withdrawal two (2) or more school
- 29 corporations remain in the regional charter school, the
- 30 charter remains in effect and the regional charter school
- 31 continues in existence.
- 32 (2) If only one (1) school corporation remains after the
- 33 withdrawal:
- 34 (A) the charter is canceled;
- 35 (B) the regional charter school terminates; and
- 36 (C) the withdrawing school and the remaining school may
- 37 grant a new charter to an organizer to operate a charter
- 38 school that is not a regional charter school.
- 39 Sec. 4. (a) Each governing body must notify the department of
- 40 the following concerning a regional charter school:
- 41 (1) The receipt of a proposal.
- 42 (2) The acceptance of a proposal.



(3) The rejection of a proposal, including the reasons for the rejection, the number of members of the governing body favoring the proposal, and the number of members of the governing body not favoring the proposal.

(b) The department shall annually do the following:

(1) Compile the information received under subsection (a) into a report.

(2) Submit the report to the general assembly.

Sec. 5. A proposal to establish a regional charter school must be approved by a majority of the members of each governing body to which the proposal was submitted.

Sec. 6. (a) This section applies if:

(1) a governing body rejects a proposal to establish a regional charter school; and

(2) at least one-third (1/3) of the members of each governing body to which the proposal was submitted favor the proposal, as evidenced by the minutes of each governing body.

(b) The organizer may appeal the decision of the governing bodies to the charter school review panel created under subsection (c).

(c) The charter school review panel is created. The members of the panel are the superintendent of public instruction and two (2) members of the board who are appointed by the superintendent of public instruction.

(d) Upon the request of an organizer, the panel shall meet to consider the organizer's proposal and the governing bodies' reasons for rejecting the proposal. The panel must allow the organizer and governing bodies to participate in the meeting.

(e) After the panel meets under subsection (d), the panel shall make one (1) of the following three (3) findings and issue the finding to the organizer and the governing bodies:

(1) A finding that supports the governing bodies' rejection of the proposal.

(2) A finding that directs the governing bodies to approve the proposal.

(3) A finding that:

(A) recommends that the organizer amend the proposal; and

(B) specifies changes to be contained in the proposal if the organizer elects to amend the proposal.

The panel shall issue the finding not later than forty-five (45) days after the panel receives the request for review.

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(f) If the panel makes a finding described in subsection (e)(1) or (e)(2), the finding is binding and final.

(g) If:

(1) the panel makes a finding described in subsection (e)(3); and

(2) the organizer submits to the governing bodies an amended proposal that contains the changes specified in the finding of the panel;

the governing bodies shall consider the amended proposal not later than forty-five (45) days after the governing bodies receive the amended proposal. If a governing body rejects the amended proposal, the organizer may appeal the rejection in the same manner that an initial proposal is appealed under this section.

Sec. 7. A governing body must include a regional charter school in which the school corporation participates when complying with public notice requirements affecting public schools.

SECTION 22. IC 20-7.5-1-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter:

(a) "School corporation" means any local public school corporation established under Indiana law and, in the case of public vocational schools or schools for children with disabilities established or maintained by two (2) or more school corporations, shall refer to such schools.

(b) "Governing body" ~~shall mean:~~ means:

(1) the board or commission charged by law with the responsibility of administering the affairs of the school corporation; or

(2) **the body that administers a charter school established under IC 20-5.5.**

(c) "School employer" means:

(1) the governing body of each:

(A) school corporation; or

(B) **charter school established under IC 20-5.5;** and

(2) any person or persons authorized to act for the governing body of the school employer in dealing with its employees.

(d) "Superintendent" shall mean:

(1) the chief administrative officer of any:

(A) school corporation; or

(B) **charter school established under IC 20-5.5;** or

(2) any person or persons designated by the officer or by the governing body to act in the officer's behalf in dealing with school

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1 employees.

2 (e) "School employee" means any full-time certificated person in the
3 employment of the school employer. A school employee shall be
4 considered full time even though the employee does not work during
5 school vacation periods, and accordingly works less than a full year.
6 There shall be excluded from the meaning of school employee
7 supervisors, confidential employees, employees performing security
8 work and noncertificated employees.

9 (f) "Certificated employee" means a person:

10 (1) whose contract with the school corporation requires that ~~he~~
11 **the person** hold a license or permit from the state board of
12 education or a commission thereof as provided in IC 20-6.1; or

13 **(2) employed as a teacher by a charter school established**
14 **under IC 20-5.5.**

15 (g) "Noncertificated employee" means any school employee whose
16 employment is not dependent upon the holding of a license or permit
17 as provided in IC 20-6.1.

18 (h) "Supervisor" means any individual who has:

19 (1) authority, acting for the school corporation, to hire, transfer,
20 suspend, lay off, recall, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or
21 discipline school employees;

22 (2) responsibility to direct school employees and adjust their
23 grievances; or

24 (3) responsibility to effectively recommend the action described
25 in ~~subsections~~ **subdivisions** (1) through (2);

26 that is not of a merely routine or clerical nature but requires the use of
27 independent judgment. The term includes superintendents, assistant
28 superintendents, business managers and supervisors, directors with
29 school corporation-wide responsibilities, principals and vice principals,
30 and department heads who have responsibility for evaluating teachers.

31 (i) "Confidential employee" means a school employee whose
32 unrestricted access to confidential personnel files or whose functional
33 responsibilities or knowledge in connection with the issues involved in
34 dealings between the school corporation and its employees would make
35 the confidential employee's membership in a school employee
36 organization incompatible with the employee's official duties.

37 (j) "Employees performing security work" means any school
38 employee whose primary responsibility is the protection of personal
39 and real property owned or leased by the school corporation or who
40 performs police or quasi-police powers.

41 (k) "School employee organization" means any organization which
42 has school employees as members and one (1) of whose primary

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1 purposes is representing school employees in dealing with their school
 2 employer, and includes any person or persons authorized to act on
 3 behalf of such organizations.

4 (l) "Exclusive representative" means the school employee
 5 organization which has been certified for the purposes of this chapter
 6 by the board or recognized by a school employer as the exclusive
 7 representative of the employees in an appropriate unit as provided in
 8 section 10 of this chapter, or the person or persons duly authorized to
 9 act on behalf of such representative.

10 (m) "Board" means the Indiana education employment relations
 11 board provided by this chapter.

12 (n) "Bargain collectively" means the performance of the mutual
 13 obligation of the school employer and the exclusive representative to
 14 meet at reasonable times to negotiate in good faith with respect to items
 15 enumerated in section 4 of this chapter and to execute a written
 16 contract incorporating any agreement relating to such matters. Such
 17 obligation shall not include the final approval of any contract
 18 concerning these or any other items. Agreements reached through
 19 collective bargaining are binding as a contract only if ratified by the
 20 governing body of the school corporation and the exclusive
 21 representative. The obligation to bargain collectively does not require
 22 the school employer or the exclusive representative to agree to a
 23 proposal of the other or to make a concession to the other.

24 (o) "Discuss" means the performance of the mutual obligation of the
 25 school corporation through its superintendent and the exclusive
 26 representative to meet at reasonable times to discuss, to provide
 27 meaningful input, or to exchange points of view, with respect to items
 28 enumerated in section 5 of this chapter. This obligation shall not,
 29 however, require either party to enter into a contract, to agree to a
 30 proposal, or to require the making of a concession. A failure to reach
 31 an agreement on any matter of discussion shall not require the use of
 32 any part of the impasse procedure, as provided in section 13 of this
 33 chapter. Neither the obligation to bargain collectively nor to discuss
 34 any matter shall prevent any school employee from petitioning the
 35 school employer, the governing body, or the superintendent for a
 36 redress of the employee's grievances either individually or through the
 37 exclusive representative, nor shall either such obligation prevent the
 38 school employer or the superintendent from conferring with any
 39 citizen, taxpayer, student, school employee, or other person considering
 40 the operation of the schools and the school corporation.

41 (p) "Strike" means concerted failure to report for duty, willful
 42 absence from one's position, stoppage of work, or abstinence in whole

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or in part from the full, faithful, and proper performance of the duties of employment, without the lawful approval of the school employer, or in any concerted manner interfering with the operation of the school employer for any purpose.

(q) "Deficit financing" with respect to any budget year shall mean expenditures in excess of money legally available to the employer.

SECTION 23. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: IC 20-3.1-2-10; IC 20-3.1-2-15; IC 20-3.1-2-25; IC 20-3.1-6-4; IC 20-3.1-7-3; IC 20-3.1-11-2; IC 20-3.1-11-3; IC 20-3.1-11-4; IC 20-3.1-11-5; IC 20-3.1-11-6; IC 20-3.1-12; IC 20-3.1-14.

SECTION 24. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) **Notwithstanding any other law, the subjects included in the written agreement existing on August 31, 1994, between the board of school commissioners of the city of Indianapolis and the exclusive representative (Agreement between the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Education Association, 1991-1994) are restored as subjects of bargaining beginning on the earlier of the following:**

(1) The effective date of this SECTION.

(2) July 1, 2001.

(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2001.

SECTION 25. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) **After the effective date of this SECTION and before the implementation of the plan for the continuous school improvement and achievement established under IC 20-3.1-9, as amended by this act, a school employer that is subject to IC 20-3.1, as amended by this act:**

(1) may not cancel the contract of a school employee for any reason other than a reason set forth in IC 20-6.1-4-10 or IC 20-6.1-4-10.5; and

(2) is subject to IC 20-6.1-4-11 when canceling the contract of a school employee.

(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2004.

SECTION 26. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001] (a) **There is appropriated to the department of education fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the state general fund in each state fiscal year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003, for its use to carry out its responsibilities under IC 20-5.5, as added by this act, and to provide advisory assistance to school corporations and charter schools for programs under IC 20-5.5, as added by this act.**

(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2003.



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1 **SECTION 27. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Education, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 165, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Delete the title and insert the following:

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

Page 1, between lines 7 and 8, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 2. "ADM" has the meaning set forth in IC 21-3-1.6-1.1.

Sec. 3. "At-risk index" has the meaning set forth in IC 21-3-1.8-1.1."

Page 1, line 8, delete "2." and insert "4."

Page 1, line 10, delete "3." and insert "5."

Page 1, line 12, delete "4." and insert "6."

Page 1, line 16, delete "5." and insert "7."

Page 2, line 1, delete "6." and insert "8."

Page 2, line 3, delete "7." and insert "9."

Page 2, line 5, delete "8." and insert "10."

Page 2, line 10, delete "9." and insert "11."

Page 2, line 12, delete "10." and insert "12."

Page 2, line 13, delete "11." and insert "13."

Page 2, line 15, delete "12." and insert "14."

Page 2, line 17, delete "13." and insert "15."

Page 2, line 19, delete "14." and insert "16."

Page 2, line 21, delete "15." and insert "17."

Page 2, line 27, delete "16." and insert "18."

Page 9, delete lines 4 through 10, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 2. For purposes of computing a tax levy, a distribution of tax revenues, a distribution from the state, or a distribution from the federal government to a sponsor, a student in a charter school shall be treated as a student of the sponsor.

Sec. 3. (a) Not later than thirty (30) days after the sponsor grants a charter or the date agreed to by the organizer, whichever is later, the sponsor shall distribute to the organizer an amount equal to the operating costs of the charter school for the initial six (6) months of the school year in which the charter school will begin operations, as determined by the budget and financial plans submitted to the sponsor. The amount distributed under this subsection shall be:

(1) treated as the working capital of the organizer; and

(2) repaid to the sponsor in equal installments, without

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interest, beginning six (6) months after the charter school begins operations and ending:

- (A) three (3) years after the charter is granted;
- (B) on the date set by the sponsor; or
- (C) when the charter is revoked;

whichever is latest.

An installment payment to a sponsor may be deducted from distributions made by the sponsor to the charter school under subsection (b).

(b) This subsection does not apply to revenues and distributions that, under a law or an agreement with the entity providing funding, must be deposited in any of the following funds:

- (1) Capital projects fund.
- (2) Debt service fund.

A sponsor shall distribute to a charter school a distributive share of tax revenues, state distributions, and federal distributions received by the sponsor for noncapital expenditures. The schedule under which distributions are made under this subsection shall be established in the charter.

(c) For money received by a sponsor on the basis of a formula that utilizes a student count, including:

- (1) average daily attendance;
- (2) average daily membership;
- (3) average daily membership as adjusted by an at-risk index or other factors;
- (4) additional pupil count;
- (5) eligible pupils; or
- (6) number of special education preschool children;

the sponsor shall determine the distributive share of a charter school by calculating the amount of funding that would be available under the formula if the student count of the charter school rather than the total student count of the sponsor were used.

(d) For money:

- (1) that is received by a sponsor for participation in a program or delivery of services; and
- (2) that is not reimbursed on the basis of a student count;

the sponsor shall reimburse the charter school for programs or services provided using the program or service reimbursement rate applicable to the program or services.

(e) If subsections (c) and (d) do not apply, the sponsor shall allocate the money received to the charter school in proportion to the ADM of the charter school multiplied by the sum of one (1) plus

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the at-risk index of the charter school relative to the total ADM of the sponsor, the charter school, and all other charter schools sponsored by the sponsor multiplied by one (1) plus the total at-risk index of the sponsor, the charter school, and all other charter schools sponsored by the sponsor.

(f) The organizer shall provide the sponsor with the necessary information for the sponsor to make distributions under this section. The department may adopt guidelines for the implementation of this section in order to assure equivalent funding for students of charter schools and sponsors. If a charter school is organized after the date set for the determination of a student count used to make a distribution, the student count of the charter school shall be determined under guidelines established by the department."

Page 9, line 11, delete "3. (a)" and insert "4."

Page 9, line 14, after "information" insert "to verify the accuracy of the information submitted".

Page 9, delete lines 18 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 5. This section applies to a charter school that has a sponsor that is a state educational institution or the executive of a consolidated city. After verifying the information submitted under section 4 of this chapter, the department shall:

(1) compute the state distribution to the charter school for the ensuing calendar year; and

(2) make the distribution to the organizer in the same manner that a distribution is made to a public school."

Page 10, delete lines 1 through 6.

Page 10, line 7, delete "4." and insert "6."

Page 10, line 16, delete "3(b) and 3(c)" and insert "3".

Page 10, line 18, delete "5." and insert "7."

Page 10, line 23, delete "6." and insert "8."

Page 16, between lines 41 and 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001] There is appropriated to the department of education fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the state general fund in each state fiscal year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003, for its use to carry out its responsibilities under IC 20-5.5 and to provide advisory assistance to school corporations and charter schools for programs under IC 20-5.5."

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Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 165 as introduced.)

LUBBERS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 5.

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senators Meeks C and Long be added as coauthors of Senate Bill 165.

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senate Bill 165 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, delete lines 8 through 12.

Page 2, line 13, delete "11." and insert "**10.**".

Page 2, line 15, delete "12." and insert "**11.**".

Page 2, line 16, delete "13." and insert "**12.**".

Page 2, line 18, delete "14." and insert "**13.**".

Page 2, line 20, delete "15." and insert "**14.**".

Page 2, line 22, delete "16." and insert "**15.**".

Page 2, line 24, delete "17." and insert "**16.**".

Page 2, line 30, delete "18." and insert "**17.**".

Page 3, line 18, delete "may" and insert "**shall**".

Page 4, between lines 33 and 34, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 8. A sponsor must notify an organizer who submits a proposal under section 3 of this chapter of:

(1) the acceptance of the proposal; or

(2) the rejection of the proposal;

not later than sixty (60) days after the organizer submits the proposal."

Page 4, line 34, delete "8." and insert "**9.**".

Page 4, line 34, delete "governing body" and insert "**sponsor**".

Page 5, line 4, delete "9." and insert "**10.**".

Page 5, line 9, delete "10." and insert "**11.**".

Page 5, line 22, delete "governing" and insert "**sponsor**".

Page 5, delete line 23.

Page 8, line 30, after "8." insert "**(a)**".

Page 8, line 30, after "body" insert ":",

Page 8, line 30, before "must" begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(1)".

Page 8, line 31, delete "years" and insert "**years; and**

(2) may grant a transfer for a period of time in addition to the

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period required under subdivision (1);".

Page 8, line 31, before "to" begin a new line blocked left.

Page 8, line 34, before "During" begin a new paragraph and insert: **"(b)".**

Page 8, line 34, after "of" delete "the" and insert **"a".**

Page 8, line 34, delete ":" and insert **"under subsection (a):".**

Page 9, line 7, after "2." insert **"This section applies only to a student in a charter school that is sponsored by a governing body."**

Page 10, line 11, after "(d)" insert **"This subsection does not apply to money received by a sponsor to facilitate the sponsor's compliance with a desegregation order issued by a court."**

Page 10, delete lines 18 through 25.

Page 10, line 26, delete "(f)" and insert **"(e)".**

Page 10, line 42, after "5." insert **"(a)".**

Page 10, line 42, delete "section" and insert **"subsection".**

Page 11, line 1, after "institution" insert **". A state educational institution that operates a charter school under this article without an agreement with a school corporation or educational organization shall receive the same amount of state financial assistance that the largest school corporation in the county in which the sponsor is located receives per pupil under IC 21-3, except for transportation distributions under IC 21-3-3.1. A student who attends full time a charter school to which this subsection applies may not be counted in ADM or ADA by any local school unit when the student's attendance is not regulated under an agreement."**

Page 11, line 1, delete "or".

Page 11, line 1, before "the" begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) This subsection applies to a charter school that has a sponsor that is".

Page 11, line 2, delete "After verifying the information submitted under" and insert **"The organizer of a charter school to which this subsection applies is entitled to receive transfer tuition under IC 20-8.1-6.1-8(b) for each student who attends the charter school."**

Page 11, delete lines 3 through 7.

(Reference is to SB 165 as printed January 23, 2001.)

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senate Bill 165 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, between lines 29 and 30, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(4) The executive (as defined in IC 36-1-2-5) of a municipality having a population of more than one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) but less than five hundred thousand (500,000)."

Page 4, line 13, after "city" insert **"or a municipality having a population of more than one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) but less than five hundred thousand (500,000)".**

Page 4, line 15, after "city" insert **"or municipality".**

Page 4, line 18, after "city" insert **"or municipality".**

Page 11, line 2, after "city" insert **"or a municipality having a population of more than one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) but less than five hundred thousand (500,000)".**

(Reference is to SB 165 as printed January 23, 2001.)

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred Senate Bill 165, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 20-1-21-9.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.8-1999, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 9.5. For all schools under IC 20-3.1, the report must include the following, in addition to the requirements of IC 20-1-21-9:

- (1) Student achievement information as follows:
 - (A) For each elementary and middle school, grade advancement rates.
 - (B) For each high school, the percentage of students who apply to, are accepted by, and attend a college, university, or other post-secondary educational institution after high school.
- (2) Administrative performance measures as follows:
 - (A) School receipts and expenditures by source, compared with budget amounts.
 - (B) Total school enrollment.
 - (C) The school's general fund expenditures per student and total expenditures per student.
 - (D) The amount and percentage of the school's general fund expenditures and the amount and percentage of total expenditures directly reaching the classroom as determined by a formula to be established by the board.
 - (E) Teacher/pupil ratios aggregated by class, grade, and school.
 - (F) Administrator/pupil ratio for the school.
 - (G) Teacher ~~attendance~~ **retention** rates aggregated by class, grade, and school.
- (3) Achievement on the annual performance objectives identified under IC 20-3.1-8.
- (4) The performance objectives established under IC 20-3.1-8 for the upcoming school year.
- (5) State and school city averages for each of the measures set forth in subdivisions (1) through (2), if available.

SECTION 2. IC 20-3-11-32 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 32. The general school laws of this state and all laws and parts of laws applicable to the

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general system of common schools in school cities, so far as not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, ~~and IC 20-3-1, and unless made inapplicable by IC 20-3-1,~~ shall be in full force and effect in a school city to which this chapter applies.

SECTION 3. IC 20-3.1-2-20 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 20. "State achievement standards" refers to the ~~state achievement~~ **academic** standards adopted under IC 20-10.1-17 for the ISTEP program.

SECTION 4. IC 20-3.1-3-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 1. The following school city conditions and needs are found to exist on January 1, 1995:

- (1) Education in the school city presents unique challenges.
- (2) Student achievement in the school city on statewide tests consistently has been significantly below:
 - (A) the state average; and
 - (B) achievement attained in school corporations adjacent to the school city.
- (3) The need for remediation of students in the school city consistently has been significantly higher than:
 - (A) the state average; and
 - (B) remediation levels in school corporations adjacent to the school city.
- (4) Graduation rates in the school city consistently have been significantly below:
 - (A) the state average; and
 - (B) graduation rates in school corporations adjacent to the school city.
- (5) Student attendance rates in the school city consistently have been below:
 - (A) the state average; and
 - (B) student attendance rates in school corporations adjacent to the school city.
- (6) There are individual schools in the school city whose students are achieving. However, ~~overall~~ **the degree of** student achievement in the school city is unsatisfactory.
- (7) Improving education in the school city requires unique legislative intervention.
- (8) Educator-driven school level control of efforts to improve student achievement in their schools ~~and a program of performance awards~~ in the school city will encourage the development and use of:
 - (A) innovative teaching methods;



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- (B) improved opportunities for teacher professional development;
- (C) programs achieving greater levels of parental involvement;
- (D) more efficient administrative efforts; and
- (E) improved student achievement.

(9) Greater accountability among educators in their schools, including:

- (A) ~~evaluations based on student achievement measures and~~ administrative efficiency criteria; and
 - (B) annual reports to the public regarding student achievement information and administrative performance measures;
- will encourage the development and use of creative and innovative educational methods and improve student achievement.

(10) Providing a range of remediation opportunities to students in the school city who fail to meet state achievement standards or who are determined to be at risk of academic failure by the board will enhance the educational opportunities available to students and improve student performance.

(11) Enhanced intervention for schools whose students fail to meet expected performance levels will improve the educational opportunities and educational achievement in the school city.

(12) Allowing students to attend neighborhood schools and the development and implementation of a **strategic and continuous improvement and achievement plan by the board under IC 20-10.2 at each school** to increase student performance and achievement in the school city are necessary to achieve these legislative objectives and to meet the unique challenges to education and improve student achievement in the school city.

SECTION 5. IC 20-3.1-6-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 1. The student performance measures described in sections 2 ~~through 4~~ **and 3** of this chapter shall be used by the board to:

- (1) assess;
- (2) report; and
- (3) improve;

the performance of schools ~~educators, and students~~ in the school city.

SECTION 6. IC 20-3.1-6-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 3. The board shall use performance objectives to:

- (1) implement the ~~school~~ **board's** plan;
- (2) evaluate school performance; **and**



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(3) publish annual reports. ~~and~~

~~(4) determine academic receivership under IC 20-3-1-14.~~

SECTION 7. IC 20-3.1-6-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.14-2000, SECTION 48, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 5. Each school in the school city shall **develop a strategic and continuous improvement and achievement plan under IC 20-10.2 and, in so doing, shall** measure and record

~~(1) the school's achievement in reaching the school's performance objectives established under IC 20-3.1-8.~~

~~(2) student achievement information for the school described in IC 20-1-21-9 and IC 20-1-21-9.5; and~~

~~(3) teacher and administrative performance information for the school described in IC 20-1-21-9.5.~~

SECTION 8. IC 20-3.1-7-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 1. (a) The board shall develop and implement a plan for the improvement of **schools and** student achievement in the schools within the school city.

(b) A plan developed and implemented under this chapter must be consistent with this article.

SECTION 9. IC 20-3.1-7-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.8-1999, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 2. The plan developed and implemented under this chapter must do the following:

(1) Provide for efforts to increase support of the schools by the parents of students and the neighborhood communities surrounding the schools.

(2) Establish performance objectives for educators and students in each school within the school city.

(3) Provide opportunity and support for the educators in each school to develop ~~a~~ **the school and strategic and continuous improvement and achievement** plan, including:

(A) traditional or innovative methods and approaches to improve student achievement; and

(B) efficient and cost effective management efforts in the school;

that are consistent with general guidelines established by the board.

(4) Require annual reports identifying the progress of student achievement for each school as described in IC 20-1-21-9 and IC 20-1-21-9.5.

(5) Provide for the effective evaluation of each school within the school city. ~~and the school's educators, including the~~

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consideration of student achievement in the school.

~~(6)~~ Develop performance awards under IC 20-3.1-12 for extraordinary and outstanding performance by educators.

~~(7)~~ **(6)** Provide a range of opportunity for remediation of students who:

(A) fail to meet state achievement standards; or

(B) are at risk of academic failure.

~~(8)~~ **(7)** Require action to raise the level of performance of a school if the school's students fail to achieve expected performance levels or performance objectives established for the school.

SECTION 10. IC 20-3.1-8-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 1. **(a)** The board shall establish annual performance objectives for each school. ~~including the following:~~

~~(1)~~ For students:

(A) improvement in scores on statewide assessment tests and assessment programs;

(B) improvement in attendance rates; and

~~(C)~~ improvement in progress toward graduation.

~~(2)~~ For teachers:

(A) improvement in student scores on assessment tests and assessment programs;

(B) improvement in the number and percentage of students achieving state achievement standards and, if applicable, performance levels set by the board; on assessment tests;

~~(C)~~ improvement in student progress toward graduation;

~~(D)~~ improvement in student attendance rates for the school year;

(E) improvement in individual teacher attendance rates;

(F) improvement in communication with parents and parental involvement in classroom and extracurricular activities; and

(G) other objectives developed by the board.

~~(3)~~ For the school and the school administrators:

(A) improvement in student scores on assessment tests; aggregated by class and grade;

(B) improvement in the number and percentage of students achieving state achievement standards and, if applicable, performance levels set by the board; on assessment tests; aggregated by class and grade;

~~(C)~~ improvement in student graduation rates and in progress toward graduation;

~~(D)~~ improvement in student attendance rates;

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- (E) management of general fund expenditures per student and total expenditures per student;
- (F) improvement in teacher attendance rates; and
- (G) other objectives developed by the board.

(b) The performance objectives established under subsection (a) must be consistent with the state achievement standards and include improvement in at least the following areas:

- (1) Attendance rate.**
- (2) The percentage of students that meet academic standards under the ISTEP program (IC 20-10.1-16).**
- (3) For a secondary school, graduation rate.**

SECTION 11. IC 20-3.1-9-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 2. (a) Educators in each school are responsible for improving student achievement in the school and ~~may~~ **shall** develop ~~the educators' own school a~~ **strategic and continuous improvement and achievement plan under IC 20-10.2** to achieve improvement that:

- (1) conforms to the guidelines issued by the board; and
- (2) has a cost that does not exceed the amount allocated to the school under section 5 of this chapter.

(b) The plan described in subsection (a) must be developed by a committee under the procedure set forth in IC 20-10.2.

(c) Educators may use traditional or innovative techniques that the educators believe will best maintain a secure and supportive educational environment and improve student achievement.

SECTION 12. IC 20-3.1-9-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 3. **In addition to the requirements of the plan set forth in IC 20-10.2**, each school's plan must include the development and maintenance of efforts to increase parental involvement in educational activities.

SECTION 13. IC 20-3.1-9-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 4. School plans **developed under this chapter** shall promote:

- (1) increased options for; and
 - (2) innovative and successful approaches to;
- improving student achievement.

SECTION 14. IC 20-3.1-9-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 6. (a) ~~Each school's educators may~~ **The plan developed under this chapter must address:**

- (1) ~~determine~~ the educational resources, goods, and services that are necessary and appropriate for improving student performance in the school; and

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(2) ~~obtain the acquisition~~ or purchase of the educational resources, goods, and services.

(b) Purchases and acquisitions under this section are subject to:

- (1) the general guidelines developed by the board; and
- (2) the school's budget.

SECTION 15. IC 20-3.1-11-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 1. IC 20-6.1-9 ~~does not apply~~ **applies** to a school city.

SECTION 16. IC 20-3.1-12.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]:

Chapter 12.1. Student Educational Achievement Grants for a School City

Sec. 1. A school city is entitled to participate in the student educational achievement grant program under IC 20-10.2-4.

SECTION 17. IC 20-3.1-13-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 2. The board may:

(1) request and receive competitive proposals from:

- (A) a school of the school city; **or**
- (B) ~~another public educational institution; or~~
- ~~(C)~~ a group of educators from the school city;

to provide summer remediation services under guidelines and specified performance standards established by the **state** board; and

(2) contract with one (1) or more providers listed in subdivision (1) to provide summer remediation services to students in the school city.

SECTION 18. IC 20-3.1-13-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 4. ~~(a)~~ Summer remediation services provided by contractors under section 2 of this chapter shall be at no tuition cost to the student.

~~(b) Upon the request of the parent of a student described in section 1 of this chapter, the school city shall provide the parent with a summer remediation subsidy in an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the lowest per student cost of summer remediation services provided by a contractor under section 2 of this chapter.~~

~~(c) A parent to whom a summer remediation subsidy is provided may use the subsidy to purchase summer remediation services from a provider located within Marion County. The parent may choose to use the remediation subsidy at an accredited public school. If the amount of tuition for the remediation services is greater than the amount of the remediation subsidy provided to the parent, the parent is responsible~~

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for the additional amount.

(d) The allocated remediation subsidy is payable to a provider of remediation services upon the provider's enrollment of the student in the remediation program.

(e) Payment of a remediation subsidy fulfills the obligation under this chapter of the school city to provide remediation services to a student.

(f) If a student who has received a remediation subsidy does not complete a remediation program, the provider of remediation services shall make a refund of the remediation subsidy on a pro rata basis to the school city.

SECTION 19. IC 20-3.1-14.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]:

Chapter 14.1. Assessing Improvement; Accountability Measures

Sec. 1. For purposes of assessing a school's improvement, IC 20-10.2-5 applies to the school city.

Sec. 2. For purposes of accountability of a school, the consequences under IC 20-10.2-6 apply to a school within the school city.

SECTION 20. IC 20-3.1-15-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 1. To provide the board with the necessary flexibility and resources to carry out this article, the following apply:

(1) The board may eliminate or modify existing policies and create new policies; and alter policies from time to time, subject to this article and the plan developed under IC 20-3.1-7.

(2) IC 20-7.5 does not apply to matters set forth in this article. The matters set forth in this article may not be the subject of collective bargaining or discussion under IC 20-7.5.

(3) An exclusive representative certified under IC 20-7.5 to represent certified employees of the school city, or any other entity voluntarily recognized by the board as a representative of employees providing educational services in the schools; may bargain collectively only concerning salary, wages, and salary and wage related fringe benefits. The exclusive representative may not bargain collectively or discuss performance awards under IC 20-3.1-12.

(4) (1) The board of school commissioners may waive the following statutes and rules for any school in the school city without the need for administrative, regulatory, or legislative approval:

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(A) The following rules concerning curriculum and instructional time:

- 511 IAC 6.1-3-4
- 511 IAC 6.1-5-0.5
- 511 IAC 6.1-5-1
- 511 IAC 6.1-5-2.5
- 511 IAC 6.1-5-3.5
- 511 IAC 6.1-5-4

(B) The following rules concerning pupil/teacher ratios:

- 511 IAC 6-2-1(b)(2)
- 511 IAC 6.1-4-1

(C) The following statutes and rules concerning textbooks, and rules adopted under the statutes:

- IC 20-10.1-9-1
- IC 20-10.1-9-18
- IC 20-10.1-9-21
- IC 20-10.1-9-23
- IC 20-10.1-9-27
- IC 20-10.1-10-1
- IC 20-10.1-10-2
- 511 IAC 6.1-5-5

(D) The following rules concerning school principals:

- 511 IAC 6-2-1(c)(4)
- 511 IAC 6.1-4-2

(E) 511 IAC 2-2, concerning school construction and remodeling.

~~(5)~~ **(2)** Notwithstanding any other law, a school city may do the following:

(A) Lease school transportation equipment to others for nonschool use when the equipment is not in use for a school city purpose.

(B) Establish a professional development and technology fund to be used for:

- (i) professional development; or
- (ii) technology, including video distance learning.

(C) Transfer funds obtained from sources other than state or local government taxation among any account of the school corporation, including a professional development and technology fund established under clause (B).

~~(6)~~ **(3)** A school city may transfer funds obtained from property taxation among the general fund (established under IC 21-2-11) and the school transportation fund (established under

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IC 21-2-11.5), subject to the following:

(A) The sum of the property tax rates for the general fund and the school transportation fund after a transfer occurs under this subdivision may not exceed the sum of the property tax rates for the general fund and the school transportation fund before a transfer occurs under this clause.

(B) This clause does not allow a school corporation to transfer to any other fund money from the debt service fund (established under IC 21-2-4).".

Page 1, delete lines 8 through 10.

Page 1, line 11, delete "4." and insert "2.".

Page 1, line 13, delete "5." and insert "3.".

Page 1, line 15, delete "6." and insert "4.".

Page 2, between lines 1 and 2, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 5. "Conversion charter school" means a charter school established under IC 20-5.5-11 by the conversion of an existing school into a charter school."

Page 2, line 2, delete "7." and insert "6.".

Page 2, line 4, delete "8." and insert "7.".

Page 2, between lines 5 and 6, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 8. "Existing school" includes a new school building if the students or teachers from a closed school building are transferred to the new school building."

Page 2, line 10, delete "IC 20-1-1.8-8." and insert "IC 20-8.1-1-3.".

Page 2, between lines 14 and 15, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 14. "Regional charter school" means a charter school established jointly by two (2) or more school corporations."

Page 2, line 15, delete "14." and insert "15.".

Page 2, line 17, delete "15." and insert "16.".

Page 2, line 19, delete "16." and insert "17.".

Page 2, line 19, delete "one (1) of".

Page 2, line 20, delete "A" and insert "For a charter school, a".

Page 2, line 21, delete "A state educational institution (as defined in".

Page 2, delete line 22.

Page 2, line 23, delete "(3) The" and insert "For a charter school, the".

Page 21, run in lines 21 and 23.

Page 2, between lines 24 and 25, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(3) For a regional charter school, two (2) or more governing bodies acting jointly."



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Page 2, delete lines 25 through 27.

Page 2, line 28, delete "17." and insert "18."

Page 3, line 14, delete "not".

Page 3, line 14, delete "to a for profit" and insert **"only to an organizer that is a nonprofit organization that meets the following requirements:**

- (1) Education is a major purpose of the organization.**
- (2) If the organization is a corporation, the organization is a nonprofit corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.**
- (3) The organization is not organized or operated for the private benefit or gain of any member, trustee, shareholder, employee, or associate. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "private benefit or gain" does not include reasonable compensation paid to an employee for work or services actually performed.**
- (4) The organization's constitution, chapter, articles, or bylaws contain a clause that provides that upon dissolution:**
 - (A) all remaining assets, except funds specified in clause**
 - (B), shall be used for nonprofit educational purposes; and**
 - (B) funds received from the sponsor shall be returned to the sponsor not more than thirty (30) days after dissolution."**

Page 3, delete line 15.

Page 3, line 16, after "3." insert "(a)".

Page 4, between lines 9 and 10, begin a new paragraph and insert:
"(b) This section does not waive, limit, or modify the provisions

of:

- (1) IC 20-7.5 in a charter school where the teachers have chosen to organize under IC 20-7.5; or**
- (2) a collective bargaining agreement for noncertificated employees (as defined in IC 20-7.5-1-2)."**

Page 4, line 11, delete "or a municipality having a population of" and insert ".".

Page 4, delete lines 12 through 15.

Page 4, line 16, delete "or municipality for the establishment of a charter school."

Page 4, line 17, after "for" insert **"not more than three (3)".**

Page 4, line 17, delete "any" and insert "a".

Page 4, line 17, after "school" insert **"city described in IC 20-3-11-1."**

Page 4, delete lines 18 through 19.



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Page 4, line 35, delete "A sponsor must notify an organizer who submits a" and insert **"A sponsor must comply with the following:**

- (1) Make available to the public copies of the charter school application, or require the organizer to make copies available to the public.**
- (2) Give notice under IC 5-3-1-2(b) of the public hearing required under this section.**
- (3) Hold a public hearing within reasonable geographic proximity to the location of the proposed charter school, at which testimony must be allowed from the organizer and members of the public."**

Page 4, delete lines 36 through 40.

Page 5, line 11, delete "If a sponsor rejects a charter school proposal, the" and insert **"(a) This section applies if the sponsor rejects a proposal and the sponsor is:**

- (1) the executive of a consolidated city; or**
- (2) a governing body and at least one-third (1/3) of the members of the governing body favor the proposal.**
- (b) The organizer may appeal the decision of the sponsor to the charter school review panel created under subsection (c).**
- (c) The charter school review panel is created. The members of the panel are the superintendent of public instruction and two (2) members of the board who are appointed by the superintendent of public instruction.**
- (d) Upon the request of an organizer, the panel shall meet to consider the organizer's proposal and the sponsor's reasons for rejecting the proposal. The panel must allow the organizer and sponsor to participate in the meeting.**
- (e) After the panel meets under subsection (d), the panel shall make one (1) of the following three (3) findings and issue the finding to the organizer and the sponsor:**
 - (1) A finding that supports the sponsor's rejection of the proposal.**
 - (2) A finding that directs the sponsor to approve the proposal.**
 - (3) A finding that:**
 - (A) recommends that the organizer amend the proposal; and**
 - (B) specifies the changes to be made in the proposal if the organizer elects to amend the proposal.**

The panel shall issue the finding not later than forty-five (45) days after the panel receives the request for review.

(f) If the panel makes a finding described in subsection (e)(1) or

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(e)(2), the finding is binding and final.

(g) If:

(1) the panel makes a finding described in subsection (e)(3);
and

(2) the organizer submits to the sponsor an amended proposal that contains the changes specified in the finding of the panel; the sponsor shall consider the amended proposal not later than forty-five (45) days after the sponsor receives the amended proposal. If the sponsor rejects the amended proposal, the organizer may appeal the rejection in the same manner that an initial proposal is appealed under this section."

Page 5, delete lines 12 through 19.

Page 5, line 29, after "sponsor" insert "**and the organizer**".

Page 6, line 34, delete "Indiana." and insert ":

(1) the school corporation or school city (as defined in IC 20-3-11-1) in which the charter school is located, for a charter school sponsored by a single governing body or the executive of a consolidated city; or

(2) one (1) of the school corporations that sponsors a regional charter school."

Page 6, line 39, delete "(b)," and insert "(b) and".

Page 6, line 39, delete "and (d)".

Page 7, between lines 12 and 13, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 4. A charter school shall periodically provide information to the parents of students in the school corporation concerning the opportunity for students to enroll in the charter school. The charter school shall design and deliver this information in a manner to reach the parents of all students, including at risk students.

Sec. 5. (a) This section applies to a student who does not have legal settlement (as defined in IC 20-8.1-1-7.1) in a:

- (1) school corporation that is the sponsor of a charter school;
- (2) school city (as defined in IC 20-3-11-1) located in a consolidated city of which the executive is the sponsor of a charter school; or
- (3) regional charter school that the student's parent wishes the student to attend.

(b) A student may enroll in any charter school or regional charter school in Indiana if the following requirements are met:

- (1) The student's parent does the following:
 - (A) Requests that the student be admitted to enroll in the charter school or regional charter school.



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- (B) Agrees to provide and pay for transportation of the student to and from the charter school or regional charter school.
- (2) The following jointly agree to enroll the student in the charter school or regional charter school:
- (A) The governing body of the school corporation where the student has legal settlement.
- (B) The principal, or equivalent person or body, of the charter school or regional charter school.
- (c) The following apply to a student described in subsection (a):
- (1) A school corporation is not required to provide transportation for the student to attend the charter school or regional charter school.
- (2) Neither the student nor the student's parent is required to pay transfer tuition for the student to attend the charter school or regional charter school.
- (3) The transferor school corporation in which the student has legal settlement shall pay the student's transfer tuition to the charter school.
- (4) A transfer becomes effective on a date jointly determined by the parent and the affected school corporations.
- (d) A student who is denied enrollment in a charter school under this section may appeal the denial to the board. The board shall hear the appeal in the manner provided in IC 20-8.1-6.1-10."
- Page 7, delete lines 13 through 19.
- Page 7, line 22, delete "or of an entity with which the charter school" and insert ".".
- Page 7, delete line 23.
- Page 7, line 27, delete "Employees" and insert "(a) **Certificated employees (as defined in IC 20-7.5-1-2)**".
- Page 7, line 27, after "school" insert "**that is not a conversion charter school**".
- Page 7, between lines 28 and 29, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- "(b) Noncertificated employees (as defined in IC 20-7.5-1-2) of a charter school that is not a conversion charter school shall remain in existing bargaining units and are covered under existing collective bargaining agreements.**
- Sec. 4. (a) This section applies to a conversion charter school.**
- (b) After the conversion, the teachers in a conversion charter school remain a part of the bargaining unit of the school corporation in which the charter school is located and are subject to all the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement.**



(c) The governing body, the equivalent body of the conversion charter school, and the exclusive representative may by mutual agreement grant a waiver of a specific provision of the collective bargaining agreement.

Sec. 5. (a) This section applies to the following:

- (1) A charter school that is not a conversion charter school.
- (2) A regional charter school.

(b) IC 20-6.1-4, IC 20-6.1-5, and IC 20-6.1-6 apply to a school described in subsection (a). However, the organizer and the teachers in the school may by mutual agreement waive or modify any provision of IC 20-6.1-4, IC 20-6.1-5, and IC 20-6.1-6."

Page 7, line 29, delete "4. The following apply to teachers in a charter school:" and insert **"6. Not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the teachers in a charter school must hold a license to teach in a public school."**

Page 7, delete lines 30 through 42.

Page 8, delete line 1.

Page 8, line 2, delete "5." and insert **"7."**

Page 8, line 21, delete "6." and insert **"8."**

Page 8, line 24, delete "7." and insert **"9."**

Page 8, line 36, delete "8." and insert **"10."**

Page 8, line 42, after "corporation" insert **"or a regional charter school of which the governing body is a sponsor."**

Page 9, line 16, delete "This section applies only to a student in a charter school" and insert **"For purposes of computing:**

- (1) state tuition support; or
- (2) state funding for any purpose;

a charter school student is counted in the same manner as a student of the school corporation where the charter school student resides.

Sec. 3. (a) This section applies to a charter school that has a governing body as sponsor.

(b) The governing body shall distribute the following to the organizer:

- (1) A proportionate share of tuition support and any other funding received from the state for the students enrolled in the charter school.
- (2) A proportionate share of state and federal funds received for students with disabilities or staff services for students with disabilities for the students with disabilities enrolled in the charter school.
- (3) A proportionate share of funds received under federal or state categorical aid programs for students who are eligible

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for the federal or state aid enrolled in the charter school.

(4) A proportionate share of local support for the students enrolled in the charter school.

Sec. 4. This section applies to a charter school that has a sponsor that is the executive of a consolidated city. The organizer of a charter school to which this section applies is entitled to receive transfer tuition under IC 20-8.1-6.1-8(b) for each student who attends the charter school.

Sec. 5. (a) Not later than the date established by the department for determining average daily membership under IC 21-3-1.6-1.1(d), the organizer shall submit to the governing body of the school corporation in which the charter school is located a report of the total number of students enrolled in the charter school. Upon receipt of the report, the governing body shall distribute to the organizer a proportionate share of federal, state, and local support for the students enrolled in the charter school on the same schedule that the school corporation receives the funds or on a schedule agreed to by the sponsor and the organizer.

(b) This subsection applies to a regional charter school. The governing body of the school corporation in which the charter school is located shall assess the other sponsoring governing bodies an amount equal to the approved per pupil revenues for the students of the other school corporations that attend the regional charter school. The other sponsoring governing bodies shall transfer the revenues to the governing body of the school corporation in which the charter school is located on the same schedule as the sponsoring school corporations receive the revenue or on a schedule agreed to by the sponsoring governing bodies."

Page 9, delete lines 17 through 42.

Delete page 10.

Page 11, delete lines 1 through 23.

Page 11, line 24, delete "(a)".

Page 11, delete lines 28 through 33.

Page 11, line 42, after "school." insert "**The organizer must use the money distributed under this section only for a purpose for which a school corporation may use money from the capital projects fund established under IC 21-2-15.**

Sec. 9. A sponsor may request and receive financial reports concerning a charter school from the organizer at any time."

Page 12, line 13, delete "residing within the school" and insert "attending the charter school that is in excess of the tuition currently allowed under law, or impose any mandatory fees upon

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a student enrolled in the charter school in preschool special education or in kindergarten through grade 12. However, a charter school may:

(A) charge fees for the same items or services for which a noncharter public school in the school corporation in which the charter school is located may charge fees; and

(B) charge tuition for:

(i) a preschool program, unless charging tuition for the preschool program is barred under federal law; or

(ii) a latch key program;

if the charter school provides those programs.

(3) Be located in a private residence."

Page 12, delete lines 14 through 21.

Page 12, delete line 23.

Page 12, delete lines 37 through 40.

Page 12, line 41, delete "(4)" and insert "(3)".

Page 13, line 9, delete "IC 20-6.1-4-15 (voiding of teacher contracts when two (2))" and insert "**For a conversion charter school only, IC 20-6.1-4, IC 20-6.1-5, and IC 20-6.1-6 (teacher matters).**".

Page 13, delete line 10.

Page 13, line 24, delete "IC 20-10.1-2-4 and IC 20-10.1-2-6 (patriotic)" and insert "**IC 20-10.1-1-2 (calendar, annual observances, national anthem, United States flag).**".

Page 13, delete line 25.

Page 13, between lines 30 and 31, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(18) IC 20-8.1-4 (limitations on employment of children).

(19) IC 20-5-2-7 and IC 20-6.1-3-7.1 (criminal history).

(20) IC 20-8.1-5.1-10 (firearms and deadly weapons).

(21) IC 20-10.2 (accountability for school performance and improvement).

Sec. 6. A charter school is subject to the bidding and wage determination laws and all other statutes and rules that apply to the construction of a public school.

Sec. 7. A charter school may not duplicate the following if the programs are established in another school in the sponsoring school corporation, or, in the case of a regional charter school, sponsoring school corporations:

(1) A cooperative program established under IC 20-10.1-6-7.

(2) An apprentice program other than a program specified in subdivision (1)."

Page 15, line 6, delete "fifty-one percent (51%)" and insert

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"sixty-seven percent (67%)".

Page 15, delete lines 10 through 12.

Page 15, line 13, delete "3." and insert **"2."**.

Page 15, delete line 14.

Page 15, line 15, delete "existing elementary or secondary school is located".

Page 15, between lines 16 and 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 3. A conversion charter school must permit the parents of a student who was enrolled in the school before the school's conversion to a charter school to:

- (1) remain in the school; or**
- (2) enroll in another school in the school corporation.**

Chapter 12. Regional Charter Schools

Sec. 1. The governing bodies of two (2) or more school corporations may grant a charter to an organizer to operate a regional charter school under this article.

Sec. 2. (a) An organizer may submit to the governing bodies of two (2) or more school corporations a proposal to establish a regional charter school. A proposal must contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- (1) Identification of the organizer.**
- (2) A description of the organizer's organizational structure and governance plan.**
- (3) The following information for the proposed regional charter school:**
 - (A) Name.**
 - (B) Purposes.**
 - (C) Governance structure.**
 - (D) Management structure.**
 - (E) Educational mission goals.**
 - (F) Curriculum and instructional methods.**
 - (G) Methods of pupil assessment.**
 - (H) Admission policy and criteria, subject to IC 20-5.5-5.**
 - (I) School calendar.**
 - (J) Age or grade range of pupils to be enrolled.**
 - (K) A description of staff responsibilities.**
 - (L) A description and the address of the physical plant.**
 - (M) Budget and financial plans.**
 - (N) Personnel plan, including methods for selection, retention, and compensation of employees.**
 - (O) Transportation plan.**
 - (P) Discipline program.**



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(Q) Plan for compliance with any applicable desegregation order.

(R) The date when the regional charter school is expected to:

- (i) begin school operations; and
- (ii) have students in attendance at the regional charter school.

(S) The arrangement for providing teachers and other staff with health insurance, retirement benefits, liability insurance, and other benefits.

(4) Identification of the school corporation where the regional charter school will be located.

(5) The compensation that the school corporations shall pay to the organizer, including the percentage of compensation provided by each school corporation.

(6) The manner in which an annual audit of the programmatic operations of the regional charter school is to be conducted by the governing bodies.

(b) This section does not waive, limit, or modify the provisions of:

- (1) IC 20-7.5 in a charter school where the teachers have chosen to organize under IC 20-7.5; or
- (2) a collective bargaining agreement for noncertificated employees (as defined in IC 20-7.5-1-2).

Sec. 3. (a) The governing bodies of each school corporation that has granted a charter for a regional charter school must act jointly to revoke the charter of a regional charter school that does not by the date specified in the charter:

- (1) begin school operations; and
- (2) have students in attendance at the regional charter school.

(b) The following apply when the governing body of a school corporation that has granted a charter for a regional charter school wishes to cease participation in a regional charter school:

- (1) If after the withdrawal two (2) or more school corporations remain in the regional charter school, the charter remains in effect and the regional charter school continues in existence.
- (2) If only one (1) school corporation remains after the withdrawal:
 - (A) the charter is canceled;
 - (B) the regional charter school terminates; and
 - (C) the withdrawing school and the remaining school may



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grant a new charter to an organizer to operate a charter school that is not a regional charter school.

Sec. 4. (a) Each governing body must notify the department of the following concerning a regional charter school:

- (1) The receipt of a proposal.
- (2) The acceptance of a proposal.
- (3) The rejection of a proposal, including the reasons for the rejection, the number of members of the governing body favoring the proposal, and the number of members of the governing body not favoring the proposal.
- (b) The department shall annually do the following:
 - (1) Compile the information received under subsection (a) into a report.
 - (2) Submit the report to the general assembly.

Sec. 5. A proposal to establish a regional charter school must be approved by a majority of the members of each governing body to which the proposal was submitted.

Sec. 6. (a) This section applies if:

- (1) a governing body rejects a proposal to establish a regional charter school; and
- (2) at least one-third (1/3) of the members of each governing body to which the proposal was submitted favor the proposal, as evidenced by the minutes of each governing body.
- (b) The organizer may appeal the decision of the governing bodies to the charter school review panel created under subsection (c).
- (c) The charter school review panel is created. The members of the panel are the superintendent of public instruction and two (2) members of the board who are appointed by the superintendent of public instruction.
- (d) Upon the request of an organizer, the panel shall meet to consider the organizer's proposal and the governing bodies' reasons for rejecting the proposal. The panel must allow the organizer and governing bodies to participate in the meeting.
- (e) After the panel meets under subsection (d), the panel shall make one (1) of the following three (3) findings and issue the finding to the organizer and the governing bodies:
 - (1) A finding that supports the governing bodies' rejection of the proposal.
 - (2) A finding that directs the governing bodies to approve the proposal.
 - (3) A finding that:



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(A) recommends that the organizer amend the proposal;
and

(B) specifies changes to be contained in the proposal if the organizer elects to amend the proposal.

The panel shall issue the finding not later than forty-five (45) days after the panel receives the request for review.

(f) If the panel makes a finding described in subsection (e)(1) or (e)(2), the finding is binding and final.

(g) If:

(1) the panel makes a finding described in subsection (e)(3);
and

(2) the organizer submits to the governing bodies an amended proposal that contains the changes specified in the finding of the panel;

the governing bodies shall consider the amended proposal not later than forty-five (45) days after the governing bodies receive the amended proposal. If a governing body rejects the amended proposal, the organizer may appeal the rejection in the same manner that an initial proposal is appealed under this section.

Sec. 7. A governing body must include a regional charter school in which the school corporation participates when complying with public notice requirements affecting public schools."

Page 15, delete lines 17 through 25.

Page 18, between lines 15 and 16, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 23. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: IC 20-3.1-2-10; IC 20-3.1-2-15; IC 20-3.1-2-25; IC 20-3.1-6-4; IC 20-3.1-7-3; IC 20-3.1-11-2; IC 20-3.1-11-3; IC 20-3.1-11-4; IC 20-3.1-11-5; IC 20-3.1-11-6; IC 20-3.1-12; IC 20-3.1-14.

SECTION 24. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the subjects included in the written agreement existing on August 31, 1994, between the board of school commissioners of the city of Indianapolis and the exclusive representative (Agreement between the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Education Association, 1991-1994) are restored as subjects of bargaining beginning on the earlier of the following:

(1) The effective date of this SECTION.

(2) July 1, 2001.

(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2001.

SECTION 25. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) After the effective date of this SECTION and before the implementation of

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the plan for the continuous school improvement and achievement established under IC 20-3.1-9, as amended by this act, a school employer that is subject to IC 20-3.1, as amended by this act:

(1) may not cancel the contract of a school employee for any reason other than a reason set forth in IC 20-6.1-4-10 or IC 20-6.1-4-10.5; and

(2) is subject to IC 20-6.1-4-11 when canceling the contract of a school employee.

(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2004."

Page 18, line 16, before "There" insert **"(a)"**.

Page 18, line 20, before "and" insert **", as added by this act,"**.

Page 18, line 22, after "IC 20-5.5" insert **", as added by this act"**.

Page 18, between lines 22 and 23, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2003."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 165 as reprinted January 30, 2001.)

PORTER, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 7, nays 6.

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